<u>REMARKS</u>

Applicants have rewritten claim 1 to include the subject matter indicated as being allowable in the office action December 27, 2004. Similarly, Applicants have amended claim 20 to include the limitations of allowable claim 29, this also indicated in the same office action. Accordingly, the claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim 35 has been added which is believed to be allowable at least as depending from an allowable base claim. (See for example Specification, page 15 and elsewhere).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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